

**MILLSTONE TOWNSHIP
RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 2018**

Chairman Morris opened the Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reading of Adequate Notice by Chairman Morris

Roll Call: Present: Morris, Adornetti, Peake, Skowronski, Russell, Casale

Absent: Simels, Kilcomons

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: October 1, 2018

C/Morris made a Motion to approve and C/Adornetti offered a Second. Roll Call Vote:

Morris, Adornetti, Peake, Skowronski, Russell and Casale vote yes to approve the minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Chairman Morris opened and closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Lacrosse – C/Skowronski noted that the Lacrosse board met and is reviewing the play time policy. It should be ready by next month. Flyers for the free clinic in November are out and registration for the 2019 season is open. Lawn signs are going up. Brendon O’Donnell will be running the clinic and involved as a coach. A coaches meeting will be set up towards early January that C/Morris and C/Adornetti can attend to address the group.

Soccer - secretary DeFelice noted most of recreation soccer has finished with inter-league play finishing their last games and having playoffs. MUTS registration is not finished yet but the numbers are matching the rosters so far. Coordination between MUTS and recreation soccer is going well.

Basketball – C/Adornetti noted that Warriors has 10 teams. 6 play in Mid-Monmouth, 3 play at Monroe Sports Center and 1 plays in Central Jersey. The warriors tournament went well. Of the 6 teams in Mid-Monmouth, 3 play games from October – December and 3 teams play January-March. Recreation basketball recently had their draft for the younger divisions and the HS division is coming up. Girls have 1 team for ¾ grade, 2 teams for 5/6 grade and 3 teams for 7-HS grades. The girls play against Allentown and East Windsor teams. C/Morris mentioned that 1 HS girl is from out of town and that she met the conditions established for allowing her to play in Millstone. Howell does not have a competing program and the girls division in Millstone is in need of players.

Holiday Lighting – Secretary DeFelice stated that the Holiday lighting is set for Friday, December 7th, from 6:00-8:00pm at the Firehouse. The fire department made a request to use the parks this year as a central location for their santa visits. They want to avoid the situation of having to drive through every single street in Millstone and Roosevelt to try and get every house. They are hoping that by arranging to have 4 central locations (1 in Roosevelt and 3 in Millstone) where residents can gather to see the trucks and santa it will avoid complaints about missed streets. The commission discussed whether or not Millstone Park would be ready to accommodate this and it was decided to wait until the lighting was tested at the park. Brandywine and Wagner could serve as locations as long as it was held earlier during daylight hours since there is little to no light at those parks.

Millstone Park - Chairman Morris that a committee is being formed to address any potential issues with the completion of Millstone Park. Some of the items that will be addressed are: 1) storage for sporting equipment that coaches can have access to. 2) the need to review paint and field lining costs for programs using the fields. 3) establishing field rotation guidelines to prevent the fields from being overused. 4) access to the field lights so they can be turned on and off remotely or possibly giving some limited control to coaches to control. C/Skowronski noted that Lacrosse uses HS volunteers to line the fields at Wagner. He wanted to know if Millstone Park will be hiring a company to line its fields and how that would impact the lacrosse budget. C/Peake asked how fields at Millstone Park will be assigned to each program to use the lit fields. Pop Warner is expecting to use a lit field in the Fall for their practices. Games will stay at Wagner. C/Skowronski mentioned that Lacrosse will need lights for both Fall and early Spring. C/Morris noted that the fields are meant to be multi-purpose so various programs could share the field. The lines could be different colors to designate which sport. Secretary DeFelice noted that the program for the lights works off of a schedule and can provide costs for each program based on usage. Committeeman Ferro asked why the fields lights were not LED. C/Peake noted that she served on the original ad hoc committee and the light issue was researched extensively by Committeeman Masci. The current lights were determined to provide better field lighting at a better price. Committeeman Ferro noted that the concession stand at the new park needs to be discussed. It does not currently have the septic system or fire suppression system to allow for cooking of food. The option of purchasing a food truck has a lot of negative costs and manpower issues associated with it and is not a viable option. C/Morris noted that one option would be to have outside vendors with food trucks serve for events. Arrangements can be made for possible revenue sharing to avoid significant revenue loss to our programs. We will also have to review any ordinances regarding outside BBQ usage.

Code of Conduct – C/Adornetti and C/Simels are still working up new code of conduct guidelines. Committeeman Ferro suggested that they look at area towns for guidance.

New Business – C/Peake noted that the main field at Wagner does not look good. There are lots of brown patches and weeds. C/Skowronski noted that the amount of rain received this season has had a negative impact of fields and the drainage on the main field is not very good. Lacrosse is hoping that the condition could be addressed before their season starts.

Committeeman Ferro noted that he is trying to get a temp employee for the Recreation department to help with the workload. He met with Finance to justify someone for the balance of the year on a temporary basis. Recreation has advertised for volunteers to receive community hours for assisting in the office as well.

Secretary DeFelice stated that there is a need for a tennis instructor who can help revive the tennis program. C/Peake said she will reach out to Tracy Clare(sp?) and inquire about an instructor for youth and adults.

Seeing no further business, C/Morris made a Motion to Adjourn and C/Peake offered a second. By unanimous vote, the Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew DeFelice